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**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE DISTRICT**

With Independence Day fast approaching, my office has taken the liberty of highlighting some events that are taking place in District 3 to help you get into the patriotic spirit. I hope you all have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration with friends and family!

**Arden Arcade:**

July 4-- Arden Park 4th of July Parade & Festival. The Parade begins at 10am followed immediately afterward by live music from Danny Morris & the California Stars, as well as Burgers (\$6), Hot Dogs (\$5), Raffle Prizes, and a FREE pool day from 11am to 1pm. Arden Park is located at 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento 95864.

July 4-- Join the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District for a Community Celebration at Cottage Park. Bring the whole family and enjoy the Cottage Park Pool from 2pm to 7pm with a discounted pool fee for the public. Free food and drinks will be provided by the Fulton Avenue Association while supplies last. Please contact Jaden Delfer at 916-927-3802 if you have any questions. Cottage Park is located at 3097 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**Carmichael:**

July 2-- Carmichael's Red, White, & Blue Celebration will be held at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael, CA 95608 on Saturday, July 2, beginning at 6:30pm. The event will include food trucks and a beer garden, a free kids zone featuring inflatables and crafts, and a live band performance featuring The Great Wide Open at 7pm. The fireworks show begins around 9:30pm.

July 4--Join the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael as they partner with Carmichael Recreation and Park District to host their traditional 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608. Have breakfast

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before heading out to enjoy the Carmichael 4th of July Parade along Fair Oaks Blvd. The pancake breakfast will run from 7am-11am and will be \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at the door. The Kiwanis Band will be playing from 9-10am.

July 4-- Join me for the Carmichaels Elks Lodge 4th of July Parade starting at 10:30am. The parade begins at Marconi and Fair Oaks Blvd. and ends at the Carmichael Elks Lodge on Cypress Avenue. I am honored to be the **Parade's Grand Marshall** this year! The Carmichael Elks Lodge is hosting a FREE Barbeque, a Live Band, and Kids Games following the parade at the Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608.

**Rancho Cordova:**

July 3 & 4—The 37th Annual Rancho Cordova 4th of July Celebration begins on Sunday, July 3, at Hagan Park, 2197 Chase Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 and will feature Carnival Rides (4-11 pm), Cripple Creek Concert (8 pm) and will be capped off with a Fireworks Show at 9:45 pm. The celebration continues on Monday, July 4, and will feature the All American Road Race and Fourth of July Parade on Coloma Rd in the morning, followed by Carnival Rides (4-11 pm), Queen Nation Concert (8 pm) and Fireworks again at 9:45pm. Advanced Sale Carnival Tickets can be purchased at KP International Market (10971 Olsen Dr.) or ONLINE at this link: [ranhocordovajuly4th.com](http://ranhocordovajuly4th.com).




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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COMFORT PETS ON JULY 4TH**

Help our furry friends over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday at the **Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter**. Volunteers are needed to keep shelter animals company during the holiday festivities. The loud pop and noises caused from fireworks and music throughout the day can be very terrifying for our animals who don't understand what is happening. Please join us to help keep them calm as people celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>!

[Registration](#) is required online, and individuals and groups up to 5 are welcome to sign up. Ages 12 and older are allowed, but an adult must accompany each child.

**As you go out and enjoy the festivities of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, please keep these tips for your pets:**

- Keep pets indoors at home in a sheltered, quiet area or run the TV or music to drown out outside noise.
- Remove any items that your pet could destroy or that would be harmful if chewed.
- Be sure your pets are wearing identification tags.

If your pet so happens to escape during the weekend of the Fourth of July weekend, the Bradshaw Animal Shelter has some tips for helping to bring the home quickly:

- Contact shelters for up-to-date information on animals in their care.
- Check all accommodations, websites and social media, and not just those in your area.
- Contact shelters for up-to-date information on animals in their care.
- Hang flyers or post on social media pages and apps to get the word out. Sites like Nextdoor and Facebook are good local resources to tap into.
- Talk to your neighbors.

For a list of lost and found pet resources, including a list of pets currently at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter, visit the [Animal Care and Regulation website](#).



## MAJOR CHANGES COMING TO WASTE COLLECTION IN JULY

There are major changes that will impact residents throughout the County starting July 4, 2022. The [Sacramento County Department of Waste Management & Recycling](#) will be collecting the Organics cart (it's the same as the Green Waste cart, DWMR is just changing the name) for weekly collection of food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings.

California law, Senate Bill 1383, requires the County to implement organic collection in a statewide goal to divert organic materials from our landfills. Under the law, residents must separate organics from garbage and put food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the Organics cart (formerly Green Waste cart) for weekly collection. You can now set out your curbside Organics cart containing food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings on your regular curbside collection day next to your Garbage cart every week.

To learn more about the State law or the new requirements, please check out the [Sacramento County DWMR Curbside Organics Service](#) website.

**What to put in your Organics Cart** (formerly called Green Waste cart)

- **Food Scraps:** uneaten/spoiled food, fruit and vegetable peelings, meat scraps (raw/cooked), bones (raw/cooked), cheese, eggshells
- **“Food-Soiled” Paper:** napkins, paper towels, paper plates (non-coated), coffee filters, tea bags, and (greasy) pizza boxes

- **Yard Trimmings:** leaves, grass clippings, prunings (4" diameter or less), and clean wood scraps

### **What not to put in your Organics Cart**

- No recyclables: glass/metal/plastics (such as food containers). No coated paper/cartons (such as to-go containers). No liquids (in any cart). No grease (scrape cooled, solid fat into a container or bag and put in the Garbage cart). No pet waste (or used litter). No wood that is treated/painted/stained/oiled.

### **How to collect food scraps in your kitchen**

- Remove stickers, twist ties, rubber bands, and plastic wrap from food scraps
- Use any repurposed kitchen container or pail to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper
- Line kitchen container with a paper bag/towel, newspaper or compostable bag (BPI certified/meets ASTM D6400 standards)
- Store container in a convenient location (under sink, on the countertop, or in the refrigerator or freezer)
- To avoid odor and pests, empty kitchen container daily into the Organics cart

Although food scraps and food-soiled paper can be collected in a repurposed kitchen container, such as an empty yogurt or ice cream tub to empty out the container of collected food scraps into the Organics cart, DWMR customers can also pick up a free 2-gallon kitchen pail (one per household, while supplies last), at certain locations. For pail availability and a list of locations, go to [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com).

### **Tips for reducing odors/pests in the Organics Cart**

- Drain liquid from food scraps
- Freeze/refrigerate scraps
- Put food scraps into a paper bag
- Sprinkle with baking soda
- Layer food-soiled paper and yard trimmings with food scraps

- If needed, give the cart a quick rinse into landscaped areas only (not into storm drain system)

Along with Sacramento County, the cities of [Citrus Heights](#), [Elk Grove](#), [Folsom](#), [Rancho Cordova](#), and [Sacramento](#), are launching the collection of food scraps and food-soiled paper July 2022.

To learn more about the State law requirements or the new requirements, please check out the [Sacramento County DWMR Curbside Organics Service](#) website.



## HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT RELEASED

Earlier this week, the [2022 Point in Time \(PIT\) count report](#) was released by Sacramento Steps Forward, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care in Sacramento County.

The Federal Government, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requires a Point in Time Count of the homeless every two years to provide the community with a snapshot of how many people may be experiencing homelessness on any given night. The count was last done in 2019 and was delayed to 2022 because of the pandemic. This year, the count was done on February 23 and 24, and there were significant efforts to count additional people who are living within the American River Parkway.

It is no surprise that the overall number of persons experiencing homelessness at the time of the count is much higher than it was in 2019. The overall count increased 67%, from 5,570 in 2019 to 9,278 in 2022. While the overall number of people has increased, the percentage split between sheltered and unsheltered – 28% vs 72% respectively, hasn't changed. This is partly due to increased bed capacity over the last three years. Unfortunately, chronic homelessness has more than doubled. Chronic homelessness is defined as long periods of homelessness and the presence of a disabling



condition, such as behavioral health issues or drug addiction. Nearly 50% of those experiencing homelessness are considered chronic, and 58% of those unsheltered reported disabling conditions. Based on the interviews conducted with the homeless, 74% of the unsheltered population reports being homeless continually for more than a year. There was also a substantial rise in vehicles being used by the homeless. In 2019, 200 vehicles were counted. That jumped to 1,100 vehicles counted this year.

The County now has updated data on homelessness overall as well as many specific sub-categories such as families, veterans, those living in cars, chronic homelessness and some of the conditions and barriers that are keeping people homeless. You can access the full report on the [Sacramento Steps Forward website](#). The increase in homelessness is distressing, and efforts to address it have clearly been ineffective. This issue continues to be my top priority as we struggle to find ways to help the homeless while providing relief to our communities from the negative impacts of homeless encampments. I will continue to keep you informed about our efforts, but I encourage you to tune in to Board meetings when we are discussing issues related to homelessness. The Board meeting schedule and agenda can be found at the [Sacramento County Clerk of the Board website](#). I also encourage you to take some time and read about County efforts on our [Sacramento County website](#).



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## **KIDS DON'T FLOAT—BUT LIFE VESTS DO!**

Summer is here and the heat is on! Cooling off in Sacramento means heading out to the river and having fun. We know it's easy to forget how dangerous the river can be, especially for children. Kids Don't Float but life vests do. Wearing a life vest is the simplest way to stay safe while enjoying the water for many hot days to come.

Sacramento County ordinances require any child under the age of 13 to wear a life vest before accessing any public waters, and violation of the ordinance by a parent or guardian is punishable with a fine of \$500 and/or six months in jail. It is your responsibility to make sure your child is wearing a life vest.

Sacramento has several life vest borrowing stations along public waterways. Below is a list of places where you can borrow and return them.

- Discovery Park (2 sites) (kids and adults)
- Ancil Hoffman Park (kids only)
- Howe Avenue river access (kids only)
- Paradise Beach (kids only)
- Watt Avenue river access (kids only)
- River Bend Park (kids only)
- Sunrise river access (kids only)
- Life vest borrowing station in the City of Sacramento Sand Cove (kids only)

Life vests are also available at [Sacramento area](#) fire stations. Each Fire station offers 8 to 12 life vests in kid sizes.

For more information, please visit the [Regional Park's website](#).



## BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Many students return to class next month and need to be ready! Join the **Homeless Assistance Resources Teams (HART) of Fair Oaks, Orangevale, and Carmichael** as they



collect school supplies for those in need. There are close to 3,500 children in the **San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD)** who are in the process of a housing transition. This means these children are on the verge of homelessness or are currently in unstable living conditions such as living in shelters or hotels. These children are in need, and any and all donations are greatly accepted!

The following supplies will be accepted:

- Teen backpacks
- Child backpacks
- Lined paper
- Binders
- Pencil case
- Spiral notebooks
- Markers
- Crayons

You can bring supplies for drop-off at the following locations:

- **Fair Oaks Foodbank Orangevale**

6483 Main Ave,  
Orangevale, CA 95662


- **The Swenson Law Firm**

8788 Greenback Ln #105  
Orangevale, CA 95662

- **SJUSD Resource Center**

Attention: McKinney Vento  
3700 Garfield Ave. Rm 14  
Carmichael, CA 95608

For any questions or concerns please contact **Carol Horst** at [carolhorst60@gmail.com](mailto:carolhorst60@gmail.com).



**BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

*This drive is for the homeless children of San Juan Unified School District*

In San Juan Unified School District there are close to 3500 school age children who are in some type of housing transition. These students lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, such as living in shelters, motels, hotels, transitional housing, trailer parks, campgrounds, and often makeshift arrangements in someone's home or a place not designed for human accommodations. **These kids need our help today!**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- Teen backpacks
- Child backpacks
- Lined paper
- Binders
- Pencil case
- Spiral notebooks
- Erasers
- Composition notebooks
- Binder paper
- Rulers
- Blue or black pens
- Red pens
- Highlighters
- Pocket folders
- Binder dividers
- Broad tip markers
- Fine tip markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Multicultural crayons
- 5m individual dry erase boards
- Dry erase pens
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Index Cards
- White-out
- Scientific Calculators

For questions please contact  
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**DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

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- The Swenson Law Firm  
8788 Greenback Ln #105  
Orangevale, CA 95662
- SJUSD Resource Center  
Attention: McKinney-Vento  
3700 Garfield Ave, Rm 14  
Carmichael, CA 95608

Creating a brighter tomorrow today





## CALIFORNIA MORTGAGE RELIEF EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The California Mortgage Relief Program has announced it will expand eligibility requirements to give more California homeowners a fresh start in their homes due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program offers eligible homeowners financial assistance through a one-time grant that does not need to be repaid. Homeowners: you can check to see if you are eligible to apply for the California Mortgage Relief Program by visiting [CAMortgageRelief.org](http://CAMortgageRelief.org) and clicking the "Apply Now" button. Application assistance is also available through the program's Contact Center at 1 (888) 840-2594.



## SACRAMENTO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER'S LIFE SAVING HEROES

**Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter** is going out of its way to provide quality old-fashioned customer service to both humans and pets alike. The Shelter's vision is to turn this average service action into a wonderful relationship so animals are adopted, lost pets are reunited once again with owners, and for community members to come back and visit the shelter later in the future to adopt additional pets or volunteer. With nearly 400 pets at the shelter, staff is responsible for providing care and services such as feeding and watering, reunification of lost pets, and kennel sanitization.

The shelter is also known for working with roughly **400 dedicated volunteers** who play a huge role in positive outcomes and provide additional support by:

- Enrichment care training
- Dog/cat/rabbit/barn animal cleaning/feeding
- Laundry, dishes, dog bathing & grooming
- Community outreach veterinary care

The work the Bradshaw Animal Shelter provides is rewarding, fun, and challenging, but they are always looking for more volunteers. There are many different opportunities to volunteer and support the shelter, including:

- Becoming a foster parent for a pet
- Donating supplies

- Become a Volunteer
- ADOPT A NEW PET

I encourage you to check out the [Bradshaw Animal Shelter website](#) for more information on becoming a hero to a new pet.



## HERO OF THE MONTH

**As you know, each month I seek to recognize outstanding community members and organizations who go above and beyond in helping to make Sacramento County a better place to live, work, and play for our residents. I am pleased to announce our July honoree, Sarah Thompson.** Sarah is the Founder and Executive Director of the Sacramento Kindness Campaign. Sarah has a passion for helping others who are struggling, so one day she reached out to a grieving woman, offering her love, kindness, and a quiche. One quiche, made with love, and given to a person in need, started a movement, and **Sacramento Kindness Campaign** was born. The Sacramento Kindness Campaign fills gaps in services and resources related to food, safety, and shelter for our most vulnerable community members, including families in transition, refugees, unhoused neighbors, and those escaping domestic abuse. Sarah truly has gone above and beyond in making Sacramento County a better place for everyone.

Sarah Thompson is truly a **Community Hero!**

You can learn more about the [Sacramento Kindness Campaign on their website!](#)

**You can nominate a Sacramento County District 3 Community Hero of the Month by filling out this [nomination form](#).** The selected Community Hero of the Month will be featured in our newsletter and will receive a certificate of recognition. I look forward to honoring all of those who work so hard to make our communities better.

If you have questions about this program please feel free to email me at [richdesmond@saccounty.gov](mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.gov) or call my office at (916) 874-5471.

